

1006 Judd Creek Hollow  
Hamilton, Mt. 59840

July 7, 2007

Chuck Oliver, District Ranger  
PO Box 388  
Darby, Mt. 59828

Re: Quarry proposal

Dear Mr. Oliver

We can appreciate that the County would like to save money by having a gravel pit up Lost Fork. However, it is about as sensitive an area as could be selected in the National Forest. We're not rock climbers but we do bike, hike and fish in that area. And, though the pit would only be in operation part of the year, it's presence would detract from the natural beauty of the area and, more importantly, it would have a major impact on the folks living along the road with the heavy truck traffic and the connected safety issues, dust and noise.

We urge you to reject this proposal and its inappropriate use of our Forest.

Sincerely,

*Pat & Heidi Tourangeau*

cc Glenda Wiles, Administrative Assistant  
Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
215 S. 4th  
Hamilton, Mt. 59840

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